

ONLY A LINE.

Only a line in the newspaper,
That someone read about
At a table of the business,
To a small, indifferent crowd.
Most reports and a marriage,
And the reader read them all,
How could he know a horse died then
And was wrapt in a funeral pall?
Only a line in the paper,
Read in a casual way,
But the gloom went out of one young life
And left it cold and gray.
Colder than bleak December,
Gloomy than walls of rock;
The reader paused and the room grew still
Of laughter and idle talk.
One I slipped off to her chamber,
Why, who would dream or know
That one brief line in the paper
Had sent her away with her woe—
Away to a lonely shore,
To bitter and blighting tears?
Only a line in the paper,
But it meant such desolate years—
—Exchange.

THE EDITOR

Who in his sanctum sit up late,
And strive, with sentences of weight,
To set right affairs of state?
The editor—almighty him!
Who deftly builds the public thought?
For money who can never be bought?
Always for the right has fought?
The editor—respect him!
Wherever you go, do and say,
And film stories away.
When they shall die, to print next day?
The editor—ever him!
Who gives us cure for cold & cold?
Who suffers patiently and long,
And endures language strong?
The editor—don't chide him!
Who never never met confus?
Who knows of all things more or less—
Or who has never known a guess?
The editor—confuse him!
When youthful talent seeks to rise,
Who views its growth with friendly eyes,
It merit quick to recognize?
The editor—oh, bless him!
—APRIL.

Who doth great judgment sadly lack?
Who hath of taste not even a spark?
Who sent my little poem back?
The editor—confound him!
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

A Substitute for Matches.

Countless accidents, as everyone knows, arise from the use of matches. To shun light without employing them, and so without the danger of setting things on fire, an ingenious contrivance is now used by the watchmen of Paris in all magazines where explosive or inflammable matches are kept. Anyone may easily make a trial of it. Take an oblong vial of the whitest and clearest glass, and put into it a piece of phosphorus about the size of a pea. Pour some olive oil, heated to the boiling point, upon the phosphorus; fill the vial about one-third full and then cork it tightly. To use this novel light, remove the cork, allow the air to enter the vial, and then re-cork it. The empty space in the vial will then become luminous, and the light obtained will be equal to that of a lamp. When the light grows dim, its power can be increased by taking out the cork and allowing a fresh supply of air to enter the vial. In winter it is sometimes necessary to heat the vial between the hands in order to increase the fluidity of the oil. The apparatus thus made may be used for six months.

Eating Lemons.

A good deal has been said through the papers about the healthfulness of lemons. The latest advice is how to use them so that they do the most good, as follows:—Most people know the benefit of lemons before breakfast, but few people know that it is more than doubled by taking another at night also. The way to get the benefit of a billion system without blue pills or quinine is to take the juice of one, two or three lemons, as appetite craves, in as much water as it is pleasant to drink without sugar, before going to bed. In the morning, on rising at least half an hour breakfast, take the juice of one lemon in a goblet of water. This will clean the system of humor and bile with efficiency, without any of the weakening effects of calmed or congealed water. People should not irritate the stomach by eating lemons early; the powerful acid of the juice, which is always corrosive, invariably produces inflammation after awhile, but passes off all alone, so that it does not draw the throat, it does its medical work without harm, and when the stomach is clear of food has abundant opportunity to work over the system thoroughly, says a medical authority.

A Great Sheep Ranch.

San Francisco Call.
The little steamer Santa Rosa arrived in San Francisco from Santa Barbara but a few days ago. She came to that city twice a year to carry provisions, clothing, lumber, etc., for use on Santa Rosa Island, being owned by the great sheep raiser, A. P. Moore, who owns the sheep and the 30,000 sheep that exist upon it. The island is about thirty miles south of Santa Barbara, and is twenty-four miles in length and sixteen in breadth, and contains about 74,000 acres of land, which are admirably adapted to sheep-raising. Last year Moore clipped 1,014 sacks of wool from these sheep, each sack containing an average of 410 pounds of wool, making a total of 415,740 pounds, which he sold at twenty-seven cents a pound, bringing him in \$112,490.80, or a clear profit of \$80,000. This is said to be a low yield, so it is evident that sheep-raising there, when it is taken into consideration that shearing takes place twice a year and that a profit is made on the sale of mutton, etc., is very profitable. The island is divided into four quarters by fences running clear across at right angles, and the sheep have not to be herded like those ranging about the foothills.

Four men are employed regularly all the year round to keep the ranch in order and to look after the sheep, and during shearing time fifty or more shearers are employed. These men secure forty or fifty days' work, and the average number of sheep sheared a day is about ninety, for which five cents a clip is paid, thus \$450 a day being made by each man, or something over \$200 a day for the season, or over \$400 for ninety days out of the year. Although the shearing of ninety sheep a day is the average, a great many will go as high as 110, and one man has been known to shear 125. Of course every man tries to shear as many as he can, and owing to haste frequently the animals are severely cut by the sharp shears. If the wound is serious the sheep immediately has his throat cut, and is turned into mutton and disposed of to the butchers, and the shearer, if he is in the habit of frequently inflicting such wounds, is immediately discharged. In the shearing of 90,000 sheep a hundred or more are injured to such an extent as to necessitate their being killed, but the wool and meat are of course turned into profit.

Chinese Telegraph.

Owing to the peculiarity of the Chinese characters, each of which represents a word, not a letter, as in our western tongues, the Danish Telegraph Company (the Great Northern) working the new Chinese lines have adopted the following device. There are from five to twenty characters on words in ordinary Chinese language, and the company have provided a wooden block of type for each of them. On one side of this block the character is cut or stamped out, and on the other side is a number representing the character. The clerk receives a message in numbers, and takes the block of each number transmitted and stamps with the opposite end the proper Chinese character on the message form. Thus a Chinese message sent in figures is translated into Chinese character again and forwarded to its destination. The sending clerk, of course, requires to know the numerical equivalent of the characters or have them found for him.

A Wonderful Fresh.

Barrett, Ga. Sen.
Hart county doesn't propose to be behind the procession in the way of natural curiosities. One day last week, James Maxwell, while ploughing, saw a dog coming across the field with something in its mouth. This something excited Mr. Maxwell's curiosity, and he called the dog to him, when he discovered that it had in its mouth a young lamb which had three perfectly formed necks and heads, six eyes, one body and five legs. The hydrcephalic lamb was black, with white in each forehead. Wouldn't Mary have been proud to have had that lamb to "follow her to school one day?" And wouldn't it make the children laugh and shout to see such a lamb at school?

Queer Freaks of Watches.

Decidedly, watches are very queer things. They possess some unaccountable peculiarities. For instance, sometime about the beginning of last summer, when there had been a succession of fine displays of the aurora borealis, it was estimated that in a single night, in the city of New York, the sunrises of not less than three thousand watches broke. This estimate is based on actual inquiries. Fine, sensitive watches are particularly liable to be affected by electrical atmospheric disturbances. During the months of June, July and August, when these phenomena are most frequent, there are more sunrises broken than during all the remaining months of the year. They break in a variety of ways, sometimes snapping into as many as twenty-five pieces.

It is a fact that since the introduction of the electric light has become so general, a large number of watches, some of them very fine ones, have become magnetized. While in this condition they are useless as time-keepers. This defect used to be considered incurable, and because of it thousands of watches have been thrown away after much money had been spent on them in vain attempts to persuade them to keep good time. Among the methods resorted to were washing the parts in garlic juice, re-finishing and passing them through the fire. But all these devices were entire failures, or only in part effective.

A man who had a fine and valuable movement, which kept excellent time, transferred it to a silver case, and in a second-hand gold one. Immediately it lost all its characteristics of steadiness and reliability, and, in fact, did not keep time at all. Then, replaced in the silver case, it kept good time again. The owner, a jeweler, puzzled himself, and experimented in vain to discover the cause of this strange partiality on the part of his watch for silver. At length he sent it to an expert. He discovered that the lifting spring of the gold case had become magnetized. On substituting another for it, the watch kept good time in the gold case as in the silver case.

There are occasions when it is a very serious matter to have your watch magnetized. Capt. W. R. Smith commands the steamer Delaware, which plies between New York and New London. Before putting to sea on a recent voyage, he was invited to inspect an electro-dynamo machine, and examined its parts closely. Soon after getting on board the steamer, he noticed that the compass became strangely affected when he approached it. Whether he stood on the right or the left, or immediately in front of the compass, the needle would invariably point to him. The compass was worse than useless when he came near it. It was dangerous, and might wreck the ship.

This phenomenon alarmed and puzzled Captain Smith not a little. At length he recalled his visit to the dynamo machine, and the true solution of the eccentric behaviour of the needles flashed upon him. His watch had become magnetized. When he removed it the needle resumed its constancy to the polar star. On his return to New York, he took the watch to Mathey Bros. & Mathey, who demagnetized it for him. This firm has invented some machine, the mechanism of which is a secret, by which they can demagnetize a magnetized watch speedily and effectively.

Watches frequently get magnetized in iron mines or machine shops, where they are incessantly brought near swiftly running belts.

It is a well-known fact among horologists that no watch will keep the same time with two people. The cause has not yet been definitely ascertained, but it would seem that in some mysterious way a watch is affected by the temperature of the wearer. The mere physical difference in gait and movement between different people is not sufficient to account for all the variations that have been observed.

A Stingy Indian.

New York Graphic.
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